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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S):	William Alan Burris		
APPLN. NO:	09/004,897	EXAMINER:	Lawrence Jr, F.
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TITLE:	FLOWTHROUGH BATCH LIQUID PURIFIER		

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 22 SEPTEMBER 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Official Action dated 22 September 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows and please supply applicant with PTO-948, which was missing from a prior Office Action.

## AMENDMENT

## In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 21, and 39 as follows:

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1. (TWICE AMENDED) In a batch liquid purifier having a [generator outputting an ozone-containing gas merged during a purification operation with a batch of liquid flowing once through a passageway from an untreated liquid batch container to a purified liquid dispenser] batch of unpurified liquid mixed with an ozone-containing gas produced from a generator to produce a liquid/ozone mixture, wherein the mixture is conveyed through a passageway to produce a purified batch of liquid that can flow out of the purifier through a dispenser, an improvement comprising:

- a. admission of untreated liquid into the passageway being blocked when the purifier is not operating;
- b. a pumping system that operates when the purifier is operating to admit untreated liquid to the passageway, to flow liquid [once] through the passageway, and to mix the ozone-containing gas with the liquid flowing in the passageway to dissolve the ozone in the liquid;

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